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<b>Amendment &amp; Response</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	CLON-028
	First Named Inventor	Lukyanov, Sergey
	Application Number	09/976,673
	Filing Date	October 12, 2001
	Group Art Unit	1653
	Examiner Name	Robert B. Mondesi
	Title:	Far Red Shifted Fluorescent Proteins

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 31, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 31, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.